

# Okinawa MARINE



Music enthusiasts have found for two years they can hear the best rhythms on the island at the Rhapsody Concert Series held at Club Chesty's. For more on the concert series, go to page 17 for story and photos.

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Gunnery Sgt. Kelly J. Cook shares why he loves riding "bikes" and has used his passion to become the only instructor in the Marine Corps who is certified to teach Marines how to become motorcycle instructors.

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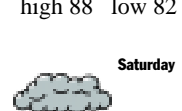
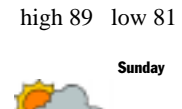
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## New year, new programs at local DoDDS

PFC. MARK S. ALLEN  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — Department of Defense Dependents Schools started the 2001-2002 school year Aug. 27 with new programs and resources aimed at providing an education that gives their students the tools to succeed in today's job market.

Kadena and Kubasaki High Schools have implemented a program for network design and maintenance, while Zukeran Elementary School focuses on the academic needs of students.

Zukeran Elementary School implemented new programs into the curriculum such as the multi-age program that consists of mixing two grade levels into one class. This offers the students an opportunity to excel in the subjects they already do well in and still perform at their own grade level in other areas.

"We try to accomplish developing practices that meet the students' needs," said Sharon L. Carter, principal, Zukeran Elementary School. "In every class there are various levels of academic skill."

If a first-grade student performs at a second grade level in some areas of the curriculum and a first grade level in other areas, then this class will tailor to that student's potential.

"The staff really has to work as a team to serve the students," Carter said. "We're focusing on improving the students' academic performance."

Another program Kadena and Kubasaki High Schools are offering is the Cisco Systems Academy designed to give their students the edge after graduation.



PFC. MARK S. ALLEN

First graders from Zukeran Elementary School can research class projects in the classroom or in the school's Information Center.

The academy is a vocational technology class that teaches network design and maintenance. The class is one period per day but requires a two-year commitment.

"The pay-off to the class is that the students are certified by Cisco Systems as network supervisors and could get a job worth \$30 thousand a year," said Timothy K. Kilkenny, Kubasaki High School principal.

The success of the schools isn't just due to the programs and curriculum, but to the participation of the community and DoD funding.

Parental support is an asset that DoDDS have more of than back home in the United States, Carter said.

"About 85 percent of our graduating class indicates an interest in attending college," Kilkenny said. "I attribute that to high family expectations, a motivated and professional community, and the fact that we just have great kids."

DoD funding also gives the schools the technological advancement and

tools to educate the children. Zukeran Elementary School has two computer labs and Internet access in every classroom, while Kubasaki High School has a list of vocational classes and five computer labs. The newest computer lab at Kubasaki High School opened this year and is designed to support the science department.

"The first thing I think vocational classes offer is the ability to compete in the job market," Kilkenny said. "The ability to use technology is a very valuable skill."

"Resources are much more available to Department of Defense Dependents Schools compared to schools back in the States," Carter said.

Even after the new advancements and beneficial programs, Holly M. Asarias, ninth grader, Kubasaki High School, still manages to put the new school year into perspective. "I'm excited about starting my high school career, but I'm not very excited about starting school again."

## Okinawa artillerymen arrive at Camp Fuji

GUNNERY SGT. MATT HEVEZI  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FUJI, Japan** — The King of Battle has landed.

Three hundred and ninety-five Marines from the Okinawa-based 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, arrived here Aug. 25-29 where they will strap on their combat gear

and conduct ten days of live-fire artillery training at one of the camp's two artillery ranges.

There are three other locations in mainland Japan, in addition to the east and north ranges at Camp Fuji, where the Okinawa-based Marine artillerymen can fire their M198 Howitzers. Those ranges are at Yausubetsu,

Hijudai and Ojojihara, Japan.

Government officials from Japan and the U.S. mutually agreed to relocate the artillery training to mainland Japan sites when live-fire artillery shoots on Okinawa ended in 1996.

According to 3/12 commanders, the live-fire training conducted at

Camp Fuji and the other locations is critical to keeping the unit ready to respond to any Asia-Pacific contingency where artillery support would be needed.

There is no other way for Marines to keep up their skills other than to go out and conduct live-fire training, said Maj. Eugene S.

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**Designated drivers save lives and careers.**





# MAIS-36 selected for DoD award

STAFF SGT. NATHAN L. HANKS, JR.  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**MCAS FUTENMA** — Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-36, Marine Aircraft Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was recognized by the Secretary of Defense as a recipient of the 2001 Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award Aug. 9.

The Marines and Sailors of MAIS-36 earned the award for their efforts by meeting readiness challenges through innovative maintenance practices.

"I can't begin to express my pride and gratitude in being able to serve with the Marines and Sailors of MAIS-36," said Lt. Col. Kevin McCutcheon, commanding officer, MAIS-36. "For any unit, teamwork is essential for success and MAIS-36 is no exception. Teamwork is the underpinning of the great success that the MAIS-36 Blade Runners have attained during this award period."

The Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Program was established to enhance the role of maintenance in keeping our forces ready and sustaining them in combat according to the Secretary of Defense Donald R. Rumsfeld in a message released Aug. 9.

As the only logistics squadron in the Marine Corps supporting both fixed and rotary wing aircraft, MAIS-36 effectively supported all assigned aircraft in meeting the myriad demands necessary to train and meet real world crises.

The Marines and Sailors have faced and met the challenge of providing support to six types of aircraft in an area of operation that covers 40,000,000 square miles, according to Lt. Gen. W.L. Nyland, deputy commandant for aviation, in an administrative message released Aug. 20. "They have exceeded the expectations for all goals and tasks, and I am very proud of their performance, achievements, and contributions to naval aviation."

In addition, MAIS-36 was able to save more than \$2.5 million by conducting in-house training, repairing instruments and aggressively tracking the shipping of aeronautical components that cannot be repaired on site to maintenance facilities in the United States.

The squadron, known as the Blade Runners, is the only Marine Corps and Western Pacific unit to receive the award this year.

The Blade Runners are one of six Department of Defense units recognized as winners of the award and a finalist for the coveted Phoenix Trophy.

The Phoenix Trophy will be awarded by the secretary of defense to one of the six finalists at the fifth annual Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 31. The trophy is given in recognition for being the best overall maintenance unit in the DoD.

"Your Marines and Sailors can be proud of their superb accomplishments and are deserving of this prestigious award," said Lt. Gen. Earl B. Hailston, Commanding General, Marine Forces Pacific, in an administrative message released Aug. 22. "Their innovative maintenance actions and effective use of maintenance resources have identified them as second to none in a very demanding and critical field."

"This award is not given because of one person's individual effort," said Gunnery Sgt. Michael Zakrajsek, noncommissioned officer in charge, 41L Section, MAIS-36. "This is a group effort."



STAFF SGT. NATHAN L. HANKS, JR.  
Lance Cpl. John R. Andzelik, a turboprop engine mechanic with work section 41L, Power Plant Division, MAIS-36, MAG-36, 1st MAW looks for discrepancies on a T56-A-16 engine in preparation for use in a KC-130 aircraft.

## Domestic violence task force evaluates overseas bases

PFC. MARK S. ALLEN  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — Members of the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence visited military and civilian personnel associated with the prevention and intervention of domestic violence at the Butler Officers Club Aug. 27.

The task force researches and evaluates programs and policies dealing with domestic violence in the military.

The program started last year and began visiting military units throughout the continental United States. The 24-member task force eventually split up in the second year of the program to cover more territory and visit overseas military installations.

During its visit here, the task force discussed issues with domestic violence representatives such as judge advocates, family advocates, and base commanders to find out what is working and what is not working to stop domestic violence.

"The military provides some forms of treatment for domestic violence, but we don't know what works," said Deborah D. Tucker, executive director, National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

"Our task is to narrow the options that really work to decrease domestic violence," said Robert L. Stein II, executive director, Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence.



PFC. MARK S. ALLEN  
Navy Lt. j.g. Beth-ann Vealey, director of Counseling and Advocacy Programs, Marine Corps Bases Japan, answered questions from the audience as Col. Kenneth Dunn gave a presentation on domestic violence at the Butler Officers Club Aug. 27.

ert L. Stein II, executive director, Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence.

In its second year of operation, the task force has confronted issues concerning service members stationed overseas and worked to resolve

those issues by meeting military officials overseas face-to-face.

"Being a very mobile population, it's difficult to face domestic violence problems with military members getting orders and going on lengthy deployments," Stein said.

Another problem with overseas domestic violence is a lack of authority over civilians. When a civilian spouse abuses a male or female service member, it turns into an all or nothing situation. The batterer could be sent home, or there could be relatively little legal intervention, Tucker said.

Once the survey of domestic violence in the military is complete, the task force will provide the Department of Defense with recommendations on refining procedures and policies aimed at stopping domestic violence in the military.

"Part of my willingness to work on the task force is because when the military puts its mind to something, it can be very creative and can follow through," said Tucker, who has been working on preventing domestic violence for almost 30 years.

According to the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence's initial report, when completed, the result of these collective efforts should be military communities that are safer, more wholesome and more conducive to a quality of life for our men and women in uniform and their families that is free of fear.



# Marines, Sailors, families needed for TV broadcast

SGT. PAULINE L. FRANKLIN  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — A film crew is coming to Okinawa looking for Marines, Sailors and family members who want to send holiday video greetings to their families in the United States.

An Army and Air Force Hometown News Service team is scheduled to visit Camp Foster Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to record service members' messages through the video Holiday Greetings program. The team will film the greetings outside the Globe and Anchor Club.

This free program is open to military personnel and family members overseas who will not be home for the holidays. Those who are transferring to another duty station before the holidays or who will be home on leave during the holiday season are not eligible for the program. Family members who want to participate in the program must appear with their service member sponsor. Filming Oct. 20 is reserved for Marines, Sailors and their families only.

Once the production crewmembers have completed the greetings, they will add them to nearly 8,000 others gathered throughout the Pacific, European and Southwest Asia theaters and group them by state. Coordinators will then send the tapes to more than 2,000 radio, television and cable stations throughout the United States for airing in the service members' hometowns.

"Most stations create elaborate productions in which they put special graphics around the greetings and air them at selected times from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day," said Tom Taylor, chief, broadcast news division, Army and Air Force Hometown News Service.

Some of these greetings get national

coverage on programs like ABC's "Good Morning America," according to Taylor.

The news service cannot guarantee which greetings will be selected for airing, according to Taylor, as it is strictly up to the stations that receive them. However, this program remains one of the news service's most popular and successful programs.

"The response to these messages has been phenomenal," said Army Staff Sgt. Kat Flanagan, Pacific Holiday Greetings team chief, 1999 season. "Television programmers are enthusiastic about providing this community service to the families of armed forces personnel. What a morale boost."

Service members who recorded greetings last year despite their doubts about the program's success were often pleased to get word from family members when their greetings aired in their hometowns.

"Last year, my wife, two daughters and I went to the Globe and Anchor to do the annual commercial for the (Holiday Greetings program)," said Staff Sgt. Harold C. Moore Jr., garrison property chief, battalion supply section, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base. "We did not think anyone would see the commercial, and we were proven wrong."

Moore said he hadn't seen any of his cousins in 17 years, but one of his first cousins saw the commercial and contacted Moore's father. Moore discovered that another cousin's fiancée, who he knew for some time, was a Sailor and also stationed on Okinawa. Moore, his cousin's fiancée and one of his sisters, who was also stationed on Okinawa with her Air Force husband, were able to get together and share stories about home ... all because Moore took time to participate in the Holiday Greetings program.



SGT. ROBERT J. ANGUS

Cpl. Thomas M. Maxin Jr., system administrator, Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron-18, Marine Air Control Group-18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, records a holiday greeting for his friends and family in Pittsburgh, Pa., during last year's Holiday Greetings program. "I know my family will really enjoy this when they see it," Maxin said.

Marines, Sailors and their immediate family members who want to participate in this free program should e-mail their response to Gunnery Sgt. Terence R. Peck, Marine Holiday Greetings coordinator for Okinawa, at [pecktr@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:pecktr@mcbbutler.usmc.mil), or fax their request to him at 645-3803.

Participants must include whether they will appear alone or with family members and must choose a one-hour time slot between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in which they wish to film the greeting. For example, an applicant may choose to film his or her greeting between 8 and 9 a.m. Participants may also request a secondary time slot in case their first choice is no longer available, as space is limited.

Applicants must be on site at the top of the hour for which they are scheduled. Once on site, they must provide the name, address, telephone number and relationship of a selected family member in the states for notification and

release. Participants may address anyone on the taped message, such as friends or fiancées, but they must provide the name of an actual family member.

All service members must appear in uniform — the camouflage utility uniform is acceptable.

Service and family members on Okinawa may not be able to go home for the holidays, but investing a little time in the Holiday Greetings program may bring them a little closer to loved ones in the festive season ahead.

"During the holiday season, family and memories are what it is all about," said Moore. "We are forward deployed from our loved ones, but that (Holiday Greetings message) touched my sister and I. (We) went home and met with our family for the first time in a long time ... because of one video. Maybe this year you can have the same feeling. I would encourage everyone to do these greetings."

## Okinawan man becomes honorary Marine

**Shingo Arasaki receives honor at UCLA Medical Center from unit deploying to Okinawa early next year.**

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**LOS ANGELES** — A 19-year-old Okinawan man in need of critical medical care was made an honorary member of 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment Aug. 23.

Lieutenant Col. Richard L. Simcock II, commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Henry E. Bergeron, battalion sergeant major, 1st Bn., 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., welcomed Shingo Arasaki into the battalion at the University of California Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Arasaki's involvement with the Marine Corps began several months ago in Okinawa when it became apparent that he needed a heart transplant.

According to Lt. Col. Ray Griggs, of the International Issues Branch of the Plans, Policies, and Operations Office, Headquarters Marines Corps, a member of the Japanese Diet, Japan's national legislature, requested the Marine Corps' assistance in finding Arasaki medical treatment in the United States. Suitable medical care



SGT. DAVID CHRISTIAN

Shingo Arasaki, an Okinawan in the United States for a heart transplant, was made an honorary member 1st Battalion, 7th Marines in a ceremony at University of California Medical Center in Los Angeles Aug. 23.

was apparently not available in Okinawa.

Griggs said that the Medical Officer of the Marine Corps initiated communication with an appropriate medical facility, in this case the UCLA Medical Center.

The Marine Corps also provided assistance in transporting Arasaki to the United States. In order to offset Arasaki's medical expenses, military base chapels on Okinawa collected \$5,000 and donated the money to a foundation to the Arasaki family to pay for the treatment.

In a small ceremony at the UCLA Medical Center, attended by Arasaki's mother and older brother,

Simcock presented Arasaki with a Marine Corps certificate, written in both English and Japanese.

The certificate proclaimed Shingo Arasaki an honorary member of the battalion, a rare occurrence, especially for a foreign citizen. Simcock and Bergeron also presented Arasaki and his family with tokens bearing the unit logo, signifying his inclusion in the battalion family.

Simcock's battalion was selected to honor Arasaki with membership because 1/7 is scheduled to deploy to Okinawa early next year.

"On behalf of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, and the 1st Marine Division, we would like to extend you a special welcome to the United States as the newest member of 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment," said Simcock. "I am especially honored to be with you today because my battalion of nearly 1,000 Marines includes many Marines the same age as you."

"I feel very honored to become a member of the battalion. This usually never happens to a regular civilian," Arasaki said. "I appreciate the Marines from my heart, because they are trying to help me."

Arasaki said he hopes to return to Okinawa when his medical treatment is complete in the United States and looks forward to renewing his relationship with the battalion on their upcoming deployment.



# 50th streamer added to Marine Corps Battle Colors

MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**MARINE BARRACKS, WASHINGTON** — The Kosovo Campaign Streamer was added to the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps during the final Evening Parade of the 2001 season here, hosted by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones.

Secretary of the Navy and guest of honor, Gordon R. England, attached the streamer to the colors, before a crowd of more than 3,000 guests.

The Kosovo Campaign Streamer has two bronze stars representing the two components of the campaign — air and defense.

In 1999, Marines participated in an air campaign against the forces of Slobodan Milosevic, then-president of Yugoslavia. The attacks forced Milosevic's forces to stop oppressing ethnic Albanians living in Kosovo. On Sept. 24, 2000, Milosevic was defeated at the polls by opposition candidate Vojislav Kostunica.

Since 1999, Marines have served in Kosovo to cool ethnic strife in the region.

Former President Bill Clinton established the Kosovo Campaign Medal and the accompanying campaign streamer to recognize those whom participated in Kosovo operations or provided direct support.

While the campaign revolved around Kosovo, it involved forces that also operated in or over Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy, Slovenia, the Adriatic, and the Ionian Sea.

The streamer commemorating these actions now joins the 49 other streamers representing the entire battle history of the U.S. Marine Corps.

The streamers represent the Corps' large actions, such as its battles in World War II and World War I, and small actions, such as the Barbary Wars and the Dominican Campaign.

Marine Barracks Washington is the home of the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps.



LANCER CPL. LEAH A. COBBLE  
Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England attaches the Kosovo Campaign Streamer to the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps at Marine Barracks Washington, before a crowd of more than 3,000 guests at the Evening Parade Aug. 31.

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Benvenuti, executive officer, 3/12, a 16-year artillery veteran.

"Marines can't simulate ramming rounds, putting in primers and pulling the lanyards," Benvenuti said. "If we don't train, the skills quickly atrophy."



Vetter

"I would say if they don't get out every month, their skills begin to diminish," said 1st Sgt William A. Vetter, who serves as a battery first sergeant with 3/12.

"If you don't go out all the time, you just don't have the confidence with your skills," he said.

"It is very important for the Marines to come to Camp Fuji to live-fire," Vetter said. Repetition is the key for skills development and keeping Marines proficient in their duties, according to Vetter.

Frequent training is also important for safety. Part of the training involves night moves. Artillerymen must move their gun positions at night, much the same way they would in combat.

It requires transporting heavy equipment with heavy trucks while negotiating narrow and sometimes slippery mountain roads. Night moves are accomplished without the aid of vehicle headlights. Marines must wear night vision goggles, Vetter said.

"If they don't do it often, they aren't comfortable with it," he said.

Besides maintaining skills and safety standards, weather is another important consideration.

"There is no substitute for being in the field and learning how to deal with the elements like wind, rain and mud," Benvenuti said. "It helps us learn how to operate in the different environments."

Passing on experience and skills

to Marines new to the unit is also a big part of the training at Camp Fuji.

Lance Cpl. Shayne H. Santalucia, a radar operator assigned to 3/12, said his job is to track rounds via a computer system and relay the information to the Marines firing the howitzers. Rounds fired appear as a blip on a computer screen and immediately give the radar team an exact grid location where it came from and where it lands, Santalucia said.

Most of the eight Marines on his team are new to his section and Santalucia said the artillery training at Camp Fuji is the ideal time for them to learn radar operations.

"I want to make sure everybody else on my team knows my job the same way I do," Santalucia said.

While at Camp Fuji, the artillerymen will also participate in a mass-casualty exercise to evaluate the unit's Navy Corpsmen who provide medical support.

The 3/12 Marines will also conduct drills in protective uniforms that are designed to allow them to continue their missions during nuclear, biological and chemical attacks.

Liberty is scheduled to include trips to Tokyo and hikes on 12,272-foot-tall Mount Fuji, Japan's highest peak.

The 3/12 Marines are scheduled to return to Okinawa Sept. 28.

None of the battalion's three firing batteries are permanently assigned to Okinawa. Instead, the Marine Corps rotates the batteries from U.S.-based artillery units to serve on Okinawa with 3/12 for six-months as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

The UDP batteries attached to 3/12 that are participating in the live-fire training are Btry. L, 3/12, based at Twentynine Palms, Calif.; and Btry. A, 1/12, based at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

## Civilian Spotlight



**Name:** Hiroko Tomimura

**Job title:** Community Relations Specialist, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base

**Hometown:** Naha, Okinawa

Hiroko Tomimura works as a community relations specialist for H & S Bn., MCB. She began the job in August 1997. She also worked in community relations at Camp Courtney from 1993-1997.

At her current job, Tomimura acts as a liaison between the military bases and Okinawan communities, which includes promoting positive community relations.

Tomimura's job includes arranging volunteer activities for Marines to perform in the Okinawa community. Most of the volunteer work includes cleaning up the community, but Tomimura also gives English classes to Okinawa children.

Tomimura reads many newspapers to gather important information, which she uses to create opportunities for people on and off base to get involved in the community. One of her goals

is to keep people informed about important things that happen in Okinawa. To accomplish this, she publishes a newsletter about events and military bases, called "Folest," which she sends to the community.

Tomimura says she likes working with people. Her job gives her the opportunity to work with service members and Okinawans. Tomimura says she dislikes people who are apathetic about relations between the military and the Okinawan community.

Tomimura feels her job is important because it shows local Okinawans and Marines how to interact.

She also finds it important because it gives her a chance to visit places and see what Okinawans think about the U.S. military.

When not working on community relations, Tomimura likes watching movies, swimming, golfing, shopping and spending time with her family. She has a husband, Masaru, and two children, Mako, 2, and Kiko, 1.





## NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Aug. 27 - Sept. 1.

### • Underage drinking

A lance corporal with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$304 pay for one month and restriction/extra duty for 14 days.

A private first class with 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months, restriction for 45 days and extra duties for 21 days.

### • Purchasing alcohol for underage Marines

A lance corporal with 31st MEU, III MEF, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of purchasing alcohol for underage Marines. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months, restriction for 45 days and extra duty for 21 days.

### • Drunk and disorderly

A lance corporal with 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of drunk and disorderly conduct. Punishment: forfeiture of \$283 pay per month for one month and restriction/extra duties for 14 days.



## TMO TIPS

• Usually a change in pick-up of personal property occurs due to a modification of orders or change of flight date. If this happens, bring a copy of the modification to the nearest TMO office, and ask to submit a change slip.

• In preparation for your next move:

Discard or donate your old clothing, broken toys and all unserviceable items. (Shipping these items may cost hundreds in additional delivery fees)

No alcoholic beverages or liquids can be shipped within your household goods. U.S. Customs regulations do not allow for transportation of alcoholic beverages.

On the day of your move or the day before, remove personal papers, passports, important documents, medications or anything else you need to hand carry. Take them to a neighbor's house or put them in the trunk of your car to prevent them from being packed away during your move. Please also take your pets to another location.

Ensure high value items and their brand name, model number and serial number are put on your household goods inventory sheet, which is prepared by the packers during the pack out. Identify valuable electronic items.

Ensure you are at your quarters between 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on your pick up date, otherwise you will be assessed an attempted pick-up charge.

It is your responsibility to ensure all personal belongings are packed. Check all closets, cabinets, and storage sheds before the movers depart.

• Waiver/Release of liability for damage to pressboard/particleboard and furniture:

Carriers/agents have service members sign a waiver of liability for damage to their pressboard/particleboard furniture. Current policy does not allow this practice.

If you are asked to sign a waiver please notify the Personal Property Shipping Office Quality Control Section at 645-3098/9365.



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## Speaking the language

Sergeant Kirk J. Neis, motor transportation mechanic, S-7, Headquarters Company, 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, teaches English to Sergeant Nakagawa, 325th Battery, Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force, at Camp Naha Sept. 5.

"I enjoy interacting with other military members," Neis said. "I enjoy teaching English because the willingness to share and learn is outstanding."

"Teaching is a two-way street," Neis said. "We learn about each other's culture, military and language."

"I find English very interesting," Nakagawa said. "I want to learn how to speak and write better."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Combined Federal Campaign

Training for all appointed community/area project officers, unit coordinators and key persons in support of the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign are requested to attend one of the following training sessions:

Sept. 14	Joint Reception Center	10 a.m.
	Bldg 447	and 1 p.m.
Sept. 17	Courtney Theater	10 a.m.
		and 1 p.m.
Sept. 18	Kinser Theater	10 a.m.
		and 1 p.m.

Personnel only need to attend one of the training sessions. For more information on the CFC, or to sign up for the training, please contact your community area project officer.

III MEF — Capt. Quin at 622-7773  
1st MAW — Staff Sgt. Parra at 645-2937  
3rd MarDiv — 2nd Lt. Roe at 622-7458  
3rd FSSG — 2nd Lt. Rak at 637-2505  
MCB — Master Sgt. Caplinger at 636-7404  
MCAS Futenma — Warrant Officer Geltmacher at 636-3006

### DRMO Sale

The Defense Relocation and Marketing Office at Camp Kinser will have a Local Sealed Bid Sale at Bldg. 600.

Inspection dates for the next Local Sealed Bids will take place Sept. 10-12, with a bid opening date of Sept. 13 Local Sealed Bids are open to SOFA and non-SOFA status personnel.

Items will include household furniture, vehicles, electrical items, scrap metals, textiles and much more.

For more information on any Local Sealed Bid Sale call 637-3707/4323 during duty hours.

### Fund-raiser at Fieldhouse

A charity fund-raiser will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 15-16 at the Foster Fieldhouse.

Over 30 vendors will be on hand to offer goods such as furniture and jewelry. Food and drinks will also be available.

All proceeds will benefit Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, the Camps Lester and Foster Association and the United Service Organization.

For more information, call Master Sgt. John T. Nichols at 645-3821 or Gunnery Sgt. Ellen P. Elkins at 645-3813.

### Commander's Access Channel

The below listed programs will air on MCCS Cable Channel 7 each day Sept. 8-14 at the times listed. Run times are listed in italics.

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# Color on lips does not make a Marine



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A lot of female feathers have been ruffled recently with the news that another change to personal appearance may be on the horizon for women Marines.

Recently the wear of nail polish in utilities was revoked by MARADMIN 199-01, and now there is a chance women Marines will not be able to wear lipstick in utilities.

In one day, I received 11 e-mails from women Marines outraged over this decision. Why? Because we possibly may not be able to wear lipstick in utilities.

Please, if such a small thing as lipstick has your feathers ruffled, you need to take a long, hard look in the mirror and ask yourself, "What is the real issue here?"

The e-mails have stated everything from, "If this order stays in effect as is, I will not re-enlist and I doubt that a majority of the senior female leadership will stay either," to "Well ladies, it looks like they (males) are slowly but surely pushing us out of the Corps ... these are our rights as ladies and Marines."

Let me see, what you're saying is because you

Self esteem, confidence and femininity are in the way you carry yourself and what is inside, not the color on your lips.

- Master Sgt. Constance S. Dillard

can't wear lipstick you won't re-enlist? Well let me say thank you for serving your country faithfully and I hope you find the type of employment in the civilian sector that provides the same camaraderie and esprit de corps as the Marine Corps, plus lets you wear lipstick.

And for those with the mind-set that the "boys club" is trying to push us out or are taking away our rights, tell me how not wearing lipstick affects your civil rights or pushes you out of the "boys club?"

Some of you even went so far as to say that by not wearing lipstick a woman's self-esteem, confidence and femininity are being taken away.

Self-esteem, confidence and femininity are in the way you carry yourself and what is inside, not the color on your lips.

I see the fact that we may no longer wear lipstick or nail polish in utilities simply as a way to make all Marines look uniform.

And if you still want to wear lipstick you can wear it with your dress uniforms — charlies, bravos, alphas and blues — and of course appropriate civilian attire.

For decades we've been screaming for equality. Well ladies, equality comes with a price. If you want to be treated equally, then don't ask to be special and have the right to wear lipstick and

nail polish. I know a number of men that would like to sport a goatee and can't. You wanted equality by qualifying with the rifle and throwing

hand grenades; you got your wish. You wanted more job opportunities, and slowly but surely military occupational specialties have been opening up for women.

If you want the same opportunities you have to play by the same rules. You want to be a Marine, well that means three-mile runs, hump-ing with a pack, getting the same training, and following the rules.

And in the near future the rulebook may say no lipstick in utilities. Last time I checked, the utility uniform was a working/field uniform. And up until recently, when I wore utilities I wore make up and yes lipstick most of the time.

However, when I go to the field, I don't wear lipstick. I wear camouflage paint.

Whether I wear lipstick or not, does not make me a Marine. What makes me a Marine is the training I have received from the outstanding and motivating drill instructors I had 15 years ago. It is the hard-as-nails Marines who taught me and 82 other young Marine NCOs the fundamentals of leadership at NCO School. It is the Marines I come in contact with everyday that make me proud to work side-by-side with them. It is every time I hear the Marine's Hymn I stand a little taller and every time I see a Marine in dress blues I still swell with pride.

It is not the color on my lips but the mind-set and the pride in my heart that I am one of the few, the proud, the Marines. And it outrages me that a few women want to trivialize what women Marines through the decades have gone through, for something as petty as lipstick.

## What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: [editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil)

### What

You go off base with two Marines from your shop. These Marines have a few drinks, and then things get out of hand. They end up fighting with each other.

The next week at work the two Marines are confronted about why they have bruises on their faces by their first sergeant. They make up lies, but then your first sergeant asks you if you know anything. What do you do?

### What the Marines said

**Sergeant with Marine Corps Base:** Integrity is important. You have to tell the truth. If Marines do something wrong, they should face the consequences.

**Corporal with 3rd Force Service Support Group:** I'd like to think Marines wouldn't compromise their careers by not telling the truth. I wouldn't lie for them.

**Private first class with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing:** I wouldn't want to get involved. I'd say I didn't know anything.

**Lance corporal with Marine Corps Base:** Lying to my first sergeant wouldn't fix their problems. It would just get me in trouble.

### What the Chaplain said

**Chaplain:** The whole intent behind developing "core values" is to encourage all Marines and Sailors to do what is right because it is the right thing to do. In this case, I note that several of the Marines are motivated by the desire to not get in trouble themselves, and, one just prefers to not get involved. These are very understandable reactions, but not necessarily the best reason to make a determination about what to do.

Before I did anything, I would weigh the seriousness of the incident. Was there damage to property? Was there need for medical attention? Is this behavior out of character, or do these Marines have a tendency to go overboard with booze? Were they of legal age? Have they realized what they did and apologized to each other or has it been carried over into the shop? I would also talk privately to the two Marines to let them know that their dishonesty has now put me in a difficult situation. No Marine or Sailor should ever expect another Marine or Sailor to become part of a lie.

If there was damage to property or injuries that required medical attention, I would relay the incident to the first sergeant as a matter of integrity. If this event was totally out of character for the Marines, I would let the first sergeant know there was a small incident that we handled. If it is not out of the ordinary for these Marines to behave this way when drinking, they need some help and I would indicate that to the first sergeant. A Marine who cannot be honorable in small things will probably not be honorable in big things.

- Navy Capt. Thomas E. Dansak, Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron-1, 1st MAW



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Sgt. James Sprinkle, armory custodian, C Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, sends rounds down range as part of the quick kill portion of 1/3's anti-terrorism training package.



Cpl. Michael Alvarez, anti-tank assaultman, C Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, fills his magazine in preparation for the quick-kill course.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SGT. STEPHEN L. STANDIE  
 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP HANSEN** — From 25-yards out, the Marine assesses the situation and determines what level of threat he is encountering. At the blow of a whistle, he reacts like it was a serious threat and fires at his intended target.

This drill is one of many Marines from B Company and A Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, who are here taking part in the Unit Training Program from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Participating in as part of a quick-kill course is part of an anti-terrorism awareness program the Marines are going through for four weeks as part of their training.

The course of fire, which was put together by Sgt. James MacKenzie, Jr., small arms weapons instructor, C Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, is designed to better prepare them for their final week of anti-terrorism training which will take place in a realistic environment.

"The main purpose of going through the quick kill course was to enhance the individual's marksmanship by testing their skills in target identification along with how quick and effective they can engage a target in an enhanced MOUT environment," MacKenzie said. "It also taught them to minimize collateral damage by assessing the situation before reacting too violent. It involves a set level of rules of engagement."

The Marines started from 25 yards out and fired a series of rounds at various points on the target and were scored by the amount of hits center mass or in the head. After firing from the 25-yard line, the Marines worked down to the 15, 10, and 5-yard lines and followed different firing sequences along the way.

During one drill, the Marines advanced to the 15-yard line and fired two rounds center mass and one round in the head.

Captain Timothy Hitzelberger, anti-terrorism training officer, 4th Marine Regiment, is





o., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine  
his series of drills with



Lance Cpl. Adam Koellikek, infantryman, A Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, dons a gas mask as part of the quick-kill course. The Marines from 1/3 practiced just about every type of threat for their anti-terrorism training package.

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ment, 3rd Marine Division said the purpose of these drills is to better prepare the Marines for guard or security patrols.

The four-week course included a week of classroom instruction on force protection and anti-terrorism threat awareness, a week of using non-lethal weapon systems and the baton and riot shields and a week of quick-kill training utilizing the M16A2, M9 pistol and the shotgun. The three weeks of classes and firing drills will be put together for a week of enhanced MOUT training in combat town," said 2nd Lt. Daniel Micklis, platoon commander, 3rd platoon, C Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment.

"This type of training may be needed if a terrorist attack were to take place and we were the closest unit capable of getting there the fastest, Mackenzie said. "We would also provide security of military and civilian personnel until the threat level decreased. When the mission calls for a small unit of Marines, and the flag goes up, our Marines here in Charlie Co., 1/3 will be ready."

One Marine participating felt this training evolution working with anti-terrorism and force protection was a good thing for those Marines new to the unit.

"The junior Marines that are here can take this knowledge and pass it on to the newer Marines that are coming to the unit after them," said Sgt. James Sprinkle, armory custodian, C Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment.

According to Mackenzie, the urban terrain training these Marines are going through is for the benefit of the Corps and the world.

"By having this opportunity to train these Marines, it makes them that much more universal to be able to rapidly deploy them to certain hot spots that may require some of these skills," he added.

"Terrorism has become a big threat in today's world, and now we are that much more prepared than before. I think every unit should receive this training because it takes them into the mentality of an urban environment, which is the battlefield of the future."

# Marines react to terrorism threat



Staff Sgt. Jason Rominski, platoon sergeant, 1st Platoon, C Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, scores one of the targets after a series of drills from the quick kill course.



# Instructor rides the fast lane

PFC. MARK S. ALLEN  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — An armorer by trade and former recruiter, shaved-headed and tattoo-bearing Gunnery Sgt. Kelly J. Cook shares his life's passion, motorcycles, with his students on a daily basis.

Cook, the only instructor in the Marine Corps who is certified to teach Marines how to become a motorcycle instructor, has been obsessed with motorcycles his whole life and recounts the days when he first fell in love with them.

At the age of four, Cook roamed the woods around his house and one day found an abandoned motorcycle that he could play with.

"My dad would ask where I'd been and I'd say, 'just playing with my motorcycle, dad,' and he was like 'yeah right,'" Cook said.

Eventually Cook took his father to see the motorcycle as proof, and his father saw the stolen police motorcycle that had been dismantled for parts sitting in the woods.

"I've been infatuated with motorcycles ever since," Cook said.

Even as a recruiter, Cook found motorcycles to be a useful motivational tool for poolees.

"When I was a recruiter, the other branches of the service liked me, but they didn't like me, because when we had a function the other recruiters would show up in their fancy cars and then I'd come blaring up. All the kids would say 'Wow, I want one of these,' and all the other recruiters would get mad," said Cook with a larger-than-life laugh.

Over the years Cook has owned almost 30 motorcycles, but it wasn't until he got to Okinawa that he stumbled across the idea of becoming an instructor.

Working at Camp Kinser, Cook was checking messages on his computer and one message said there was a need for motorcycle instructors.

Cook said, "I looked at the message and said, 'I meet all these requirements.' So I went to my colonel and told him I wanted to be a motorcycle instructor and he said, 'Cook, you have to do it.' I took the course, and I was first in my class. It's been blowing up ever since."

"Riding bikes for me is a lifestyle. When you mount that bike, there's the sun, the wind, and sometimes the rain. I don't want to sound like a commercial, but it's something you don't know until you try," Cook said.

"Some people call them motorcyclists, some people call them bikers. I ride bikes," he said. "Some people like to stereotype motorcycle riders, but you have doctors, lawyers and Marines riding. Everybody rides bikes because they're a lot of fun."

The students of Cook's classes are not the only ones to be influenced by his passion. For the Cook family, motorcycles have become a family tradition.

"I took my daughter to her first day of school on a Harley. Now she's seven, but she got her bike when she was five," Cook said. "Now she's good enough to take her little sister for rides."

Looking back at what directions motorcycles have taken him in his life, Cook realizes that his career, family and experiences are all intertwined with bikes.



Gunnery Sgt. Kelly J. Cook fell in love with motorcycles at age four and is the only Marine certified to teach other Marines to become motorcycle instructors. Cook said he has owned anywhere from 25 to 30 motorcycles in his life.

"There's nothing better than being a Marine because the Marines made me the man I am today. It gave me the wife I have and the three kids I have," Cook said.

"You could give me \$10 million this second, and I'd throw it back in your face," he said. "I'd still be riding my bikes, and I'd still have my old lady and my three kids."

## Motorcycle class mandatory for all riders

PFC. MARK S. ALLEN  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**KADENA AIR BASE** — The Motor Safety Foundation offers a weekly three-day Motorcycle Riding and Street Strategy Course to all service members with a U.S. drivers license.

The class teaches motorcycle controls, basic riding skills and street strategies, and is mandatory for any service member interested in obtaining a motorcycle license.

When teaching the course, the instructor emphasizes that safety is the most important lesson for beginning riders.

"The one thing people have to understand when you're on a motorcycle is to learn your limits on a motorcycle, learn your motorcycle's limits and ride within them. If you do that then you will probably not get in any trouble," said Gunnery Sgt. Kelly J. Cook, chief motorcycle instructor, Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

A key point within the class is teaching the student the differences between riding motorcycles in the U.S. and riding in Okinawa.

"In relationship to Okinawa as to the United States, it's good and bad on both sides," Cook said. "In



During one portion of the Motorcycle Riding and Street Strategy Course, a student brakes suddenly so as to get a feeling of what it would be like to be in a critical situation.

Okinawa the bottom line is you have to go slower, but there are 10 million cars when there should only be 500. In the states, there's not as much traffic, but it's ten times faster, so it's a give and take situation."

Along with teaching the dangers of driving a vehicle that doesn't have the security of an automobile, the class also helps students address any fears concerning motorcycles.

Cook, speaking of a recent class, said, "There are two kids in this course who had some really bad accidents when they were younger and gave up riding motorcycles for a couple of years. They want to over-

come that fear and get back into something they really enjoy. As long as you realize that a little bit of fear is good, and you learn to respect it, then you won't have a problem. Riding motorcycles is very challenging, but what Marine do you know doesn't enjoy a challenge?"

The course teaches safety and riding skills, but also focuses on the sheer joy of riding motorcycles.

"I had a couple of guys from work that took the class and had good things to say about it. It's been a great course so far," said Lt. Col. Tom Yingest, Motorcycle Riding and Street Strategy Course student.

"A lot of people think we're these safety people here to take the fun out of riding, but I always tell students that I'll raise their riding enjoyment and at the same time lower their risk as long as they don't lose respect for the motorcycle. The most experienced rider will learn something from this course," Cook said.

Anyone interested in viewing an online video story about the course can go to [www.okinawa.usmc.mil](http://www.okinawa.usmc.mil).

For those interested in taking the course, call 645-3783. Class participants must provide their own motorcycle for the class.





# Walkin' the beat

Marines from Camp Hansen patrol the streets of Kin-Cho on the weekends to offer assistance to Marines who need help or may be new to the area.

## Marines patrol streets of Kin

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. SCOTT CARLSON  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP HANSEN** — “Hey, tuck in your shirt, Devil Dog!” yells an Okinawan woman playfully taunting the courtesy patrol Marines as they roam the streets of Kin-Cho on a quiet Saturday night. To the Marines and Sailors on liberty in Kin-Cho, that’s all the courtesy patrol may be, shirt patrol.

However, the courtesy patrols serve a more important purpose than making Marines and Sailors tuck in their shirts and ruin a Marine’s free time.

“The purpose of the Kin-Cho courtesy Patrol is to assist service members and dependents in Kin-Cho, assist the Japanese Police in dealing with violations of Japanese law or the Status of Forces Agreement by U.S. personnel and enforce appropriate orders and regulations to ensure good order and discipline by U.S. personnel in Kin-Cho,” states Camp Order 1630.1J.

III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group’s senior enlisted man has a simpler explanation for the purpose of the courtesy patrols.

“The courtesy patrols are the ultimate example of Marines taking care of Marines,” said Sgt. Maj. James Ricker, sergeant major, Head-

quarters Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. “They’re there to provide assistance to the Marines and Sailors. They can help somebody who may be new to the area or getting somebody back to base and keeping them out of trouble.”

The courtesy patrols here go out in teams of two, usually made up of a noncommissioned officer and a staff NCO, every weekend and payday during the week, according to Camp Order 1630.1J. Their patrol area covers six square blocks and comes into contact with hundreds of service members.

“On a payday, we can see 300-plus Marines out in Kin,” said Staff Sgt. William Grey, a weapons platoon sergeant with E Company, 2nd battalion 5th Marine Regiment, who has been assigned to work for Camp Guard during his unit’s seven month deployment here.

According to Grey, unlike their counterparts in the Camp Guard or Provost Marshals Office, the courtesy patrols are not allowed to enter any of the establishments or businesses.

The courtesy patrols serve mainly as a presence in Kin-Cho, according to Grey. But the presence is not one Marines and Sailors should take lightly. The base’s tenant units supply the Marines that make up the courtesy patrols. These are the NCOs and staff NCOs the service members on liberty will have to go to work with on Monday morning.

Base officials have received encouraging feedback from the resi-



According to Col. Michael O’Neal, camp commander, Camp Hansen, courtesy patrols are welcome sight for both service members and Kin-Cho residents alike.

dents of Kin-Cho regarding the courtesy patrols.

“(Kin-Cho residents) are grateful we have a uniformed presence out there,” said Col. Michael O’Neal, camp commander, Camp Hansen.

“It shows the commitment that the camp is willing to work outside our fence to ensure the conduct out there is acceptable to both us and the Japanese,” he said.

O’Neal believes the courtesy patrols are also a welcomed sight to the Marines and Sailors on liberty also.

“Generally it’s understood, it’s expected, and they like the fact that if a fellow Marine needs help, it is

within mere minutes that we can have someone on scene,” O’Neal added.

“It also shows the community of Kin-Cho that we are concerned about our Marines and civilians out there, and that we’re doing our part to make sure that, one, not only are we out there to enforce our rules and regulations, but to also make sure the Marines and Sailors are having a good time,” said Ricker.

According to Ricker, there has been a courtesy patrol for as long as he can remember and he doesn’t see it going away any time soon.

“We’re Marines. We take care of Marines and that’s the way it’s supposed to be,” concluded Grey.





Cpl. Devin R. Mitchell, legal clerk, Staff Judge Advocate, H & S Bn., MCB, trims long grass during a cleanup Aug. 29 at the Awase Disabled Children's School.

## Marines help clean school for disabled children

Story and photos by Lance  
Cpl. James S. McGregor

**OKINAWA CITY** — Marines from Alpha and Bravo Companies, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, worked together Aug. 29 to clean up the Awase Disabled Children's School in an effort to promote good relations with the Okinawan community.

Twenty-six Marines volunteered their time to clean up the school grounds before students returned prior to the start of the new school year.

"It's a good opportunity to show the community we appreciate being here, and we wanted to come show it," said Lt. Col. Carl R. Ingebreetsen, deputy camp commander, Camp Foster. "I volunteered because I wanted to see what the base was sponsoring, and I wanted to get involved in what's going on. The Marines were willing and everyone pitched in."

The Marines pitched in by cut-

ting down tree limbs, cutting grass, trimming bushes and pulling weeds. They also cleaned up after themselves and removed any left-over clippings. Through this, they demonstrated the kind of teamwork that is well-known throughout the Marine Corps.

"It's part of being a Marine Corps team," said Ingebreetsen, recognizing the teamwork the Marines displayed while working at the school.

With the demonstration of teamwork, organization and hard work the Marines put in, they were finished in less than two hours.

The Marines' hard work did not go unseen or unrecognized. After the driveway was swept one last time, and the equipment was put away, the Marines relaxed in the shade and enjoyed refreshments provided by the school in appreciation for the Marines' hard work.

The school also rewarded their hard work when Principal Ken Iramina presented two certificates of gratitude.

The first was presented to



Lance Cpl. Quentin R. Council, supply clerk, Provost Marshals Office, H & S Bn., MCB, cuts weeds during a cleanup Aug. 29 at the Awase Disabled Children's School.

Ingebreetsen. The certificate recognized the work he and the rest of the volunteers did.

The second certificate was given in appreciation for each of the Marines that worked that day. The certificate listed all the Marines that participated.

Lance Cpl. Marquell A. Greenfieldsmith, personnel clerk, Installation Personnel Administration Center, H & S Bn., MCB, received the certificate for the group. In turn, the Marines also appreciated the thanks they were given for the hard day's work.

"The Okinawans we worked with

appreciate Marines. They know we are willing to help them," said Ingebreetsen.

The Marines were happy to help, knowing they were promoting positive relations with the Okinawan community, and they were happy to get some physical labor.

"It's a good thing for the community, and it's good for the Marines to pitch in," said Ingebreetsen.

"It's good to get out and do some manual labor once in awhile. We will definitely see events like this again in local communities all around the base," he said.





James Hoffman, 11, was among more than 85 Okinawans, service members and family members to participate in the 6th annual MCAS Futenma Triathlon.

# Family trains for, competes in Triathlon

STAFF SGT. NATHAN L. HANKS, JR.  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA** — On your mark! Get set! Bang!

With hearts beating fast and adrenaline pumping, James and Vicky Hoffman, 11-year-old twins, sprinted from the starting line of their first triathlon August 26.

James and Vicky were among more than 85 Okinawans, service members and family members islandwide to participate in the 6th Annual Futenma Triathlon.

"This is the first triathlon that any of us have been in," said Norman Hoffman, a gunnery sergeant with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron-1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

According to Norman, it was his son's idea to do the triathlon.

"James told me about a year ago that he wanted to run in a triathlon," Norman said. "He wanted to sign up for two other triathlons (previously), but was unable because I thought he was too young."

When James approached his father about compet-

ing in the Futenma Triathlon, Norman thought his son was joking.

"When he told me that he wanted to do the triathlon, I looked at him as if he had lost his mind," Norman said. "I thought he was crazy."

After he mentioned participating in the triathlon several more times, Norman realized he was serious.

"I wanted to do a triathlon because I thought it would be fun and a new experience," James said. "I thought it would be a challenge."

After mentioning that he wanted to do a triathlon, Vicky, his twin sister said, "If he can do it, I can too."

"James and Vicky are like two peas in a pod," Norman said jokingly. "They are very competitive with one another."

With the triathlon fever spreading, Norman decided that if they were serious then they were going to do it right.

"I wanted to make sure that they had the right equipment to train with," Norman said. "I bought them new bikes, helmets, running shoes and socks."

With their new equipment and the triathlon about six weeks away, the twins started training with the help

of their father. The Hoffman family began training Independence Day weekend and continued to train five to six days a week.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday they swam 350 meters, rode their bikes for five to six miles and ran one to two miles.

Tuesday and Thursday they swam the same distance, but alternated their running and biking distances by adding a few miles.

"Including the car ride to and from training, we usually trained up to six hours a day," Norman said.

"The hardest part about training for me was when we had to ride our bikes up the steep hills going to Camp Courtney," James said.

As the training continued, Norman noticed that although they were twins they had different physical abilities.

So, to help with their training Norman recruited his 19-year-old daughter, Leora Martin-Hoffman, to help keep an eye on the twins' safety.

"For them to participate in the triathlon, I wanted them to have adult supervision," Norman said. "I wanted to make sure that if something went wrong that someone was there to take care of them."

During training, the Hoffman twins had to make sacrifices and could not play with their friends as often.

Although the Hoffman twins were out of school, they still had chores to do around the house.

In the mornings they would get up between 9 and 10 a.m., have breakfast and begin their chores.

"We let them sleep later in the mornings because they were training for the triathlon," Norman said. "We knew that they would need their sleep."

After their chores were complete, they played with their friends until it was time to get ready for training.

With the triathlon only a few days away, Norman stopped the twins' training. A few days before the race, he copied the course map and walked the course with the twins.

"We did not run the course, we just walked and talked about what was about to happen," Norman said. "I wanted to make sure that they were not only physically prepared but also mentally prepared for the challenge. I told them that it did not matter if they came in first or last. Just as long as they were safe."

During the triathlon, Norman and Leora provided encouragement as they ran alongside the twins.

During the run and bike ride, all Vicky could think about was swimming the 350 meters.

"The best part of the triathlon was when I jumped into the pool," said Vicky who dreams of being a veterinarian when she grows up. "I was hot from the run and the bike ride."

"They set a goal, met it and never quit," said their mother, Kathleen Hoffman. "I am very proud of them."

In addition to the support from their father and older sister, their mother and younger sister, Corrie, 10, helped stage equipment and provided encouragement.

"It was a family effort," Norman said. "We could not have made it without everybody pitching in and helping out."

At the end of the triathlon, the Hoffman family rallied around each other in a group hug to congratulate one another for a job well done.

Vicky won first place in the Women Youth Mountain Bike division with a time of 1:59:15. James placed fourth in the Men's Youth Mountain Bike division with a time of 1:45:24.

With the 6th Annual Futenma Triathlon now in the past, James and Vicky are looking forward to their next triathlon at Camp Hansen Sept. 16.

## Triathlon Results

OVERALL WINNER  
Steve Hazlett

YOUTH ROAD BIKE  
WOMEN 12 TO 18  
1st place: Maeba Takako 1:21:30

YOUTH MOUNTAIN BIKE  
WOMEN 12 TO 18  
1st place: Vicky Hoffman 1:59:15

MEN 12 TO 18  
1st place: David Macfarlane 1:18:47

MOUNTAIN BIKE OPEN  
WOMEN 19 AND OVER  
1st place: Gardner Natina 1:16:54  
MEN 19 AND OVER  
1st place: John Griffith 1:07:46

ROAD BIKE OPEN  
WOMEN 19 AND OVER  
1st place: Shoko Ganaha 1:03:50  
MEN 19 AND OVER

1st place: Steve Hazlett 51:59:00

ROAD BIKE SENIORS  
WOMEN 36 AND OVER  
1st place: Elke Macfarlane 1:04:00  
MEN 36 AND OVER  
1st place: Saev Ogido 56:53:00

MOUNTAIN BIKE SENIORS  
WOMEN 36 AND OVER  
1st place: Tonia Lizardi 1:19:11  
MEN 36 AND OVER  
1st place: Colin Chinn 1:01:35



# Rhapsody of live music



Jeremy Pelt, trumpet player for the Lonnie Plaxico Band, added his trumpet to the variety of instrumentals performed during the Rhapsody Concert Series Friday at Club Chesty's.



Marcus Strickland, saxophone player, adds his skill to the music during the Rhapsody Concert Series.



Lonnie Plaxico delighted audiences with his bass and a unique blend of contemporary jazz music during the Rhapsody Concert Series.

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — The Rhapsody Concert Series has provided jazz enthusiasts with quality entertainment for over two years, and Friday's concert at Club Chesty's was no exception.

The Lonnie Plaxico Band treated audiences to a variety of contemporary jazz music.

Lonnie Plaxico's jazz music is only one example of talented musicians who participate in the Rhapsody Concert Series, which has been providing and searching for new talent and quality entertainment for service and family members living in Okinawa.

"Rhapsody means different styles for harmony," said Richard D. Farnell, entertainment program manager, Marine Corps Community Services. "It's not just jazz that is played here."

When the Rhapsody Concert Series started, MCCS wanted the right kind of music that could cater to more mature audiences. Although younger audiences wanted rock and R & B music, Farnell wanted something that satisfies music fans that do not follow main-

stream pop radio charts. He also wanted first-rate community relations and entertainment that would showcase something positive.

"We took a vision of those positives and put it to work. The first show went on New Year's," Farnell said. "The turnout was good, and the show was a pilot for the program. The success of the first show got immediate response."

"We had determined the success not just from the turn-out, but from the response people gave us," Farnell said.

Soon after, Farnell and MCCS put the program into action and started looking for more artists.

When looking for artists, Farnell said he learned a lot by reading their bios. When he read Plaxico's bio, he learned that he was a bass player who grew up in Chicago and started his musical career playing in clubs when he was 15 years old. Plaxico recently made his first major release, an album called "Melange." He also composed the music to the movie *The Score*.

"He is a musician who plays music, not just jazz," Farnell said. "He is contemporary. It's hard to clas-

sify what Lonnie does."

According to Farnell, The Lonnie Plaxico Band is the kind of music he wants for the Rhapsody Concert Series. He wants to provide a home atmosphere for adults, and the artists he brings from the United States are the forefront of jazz, urban funk and blues.

"These artists still aren't in the top 100 in the billboard like some of the pop singers," Farnell said.

Farnell wanted unique and different music. After initially bringing in Japanese bands, he decided to bring artists from the States. The first concerts were weekly, but eventually became a monthly event. According to Farnell, he wanted to have a monthly schedule, so he could feature better musicians.

Musicians such as Benny Maupin, Herbie Hancock, Ron Brown, Michael O'Neill and Jevon Jackson, have played in the Rhapsody Concert Series.

"We conceived the program for the troops, entertainment, quality and support," Farnell said. "We wanted to bring a feeling of home to the military community in Okinawa."

For more information regarding upcoming concerts and ticket prices call 636-2872.





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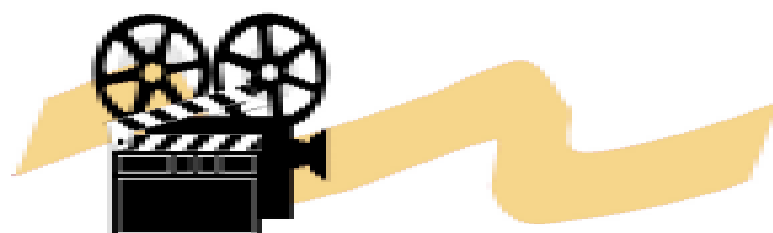


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**Fri** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 7:00  
**Sat** A Knights Tale (PG13); 6:00  
**Sat** Swordfish (R); 9:00  
**Sun** A Knights Tale (PG); 3:00  
**Sun** Swordfish (R); 6:00  
**Mon** Summer Catch (PG13); 7:00  
**Tue** Summer Catch (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Closed  
**Thu** Angels Eyes (R); 7:00

**Hansen (623-4564)**  
**Fri** American Pie 2 (R); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sat** American Pie 2 (R); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sun** The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 2:00, 5:30  
**Mon** Angel Eyes (R); 7:00  
**Tue** Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG); 7:00  
**Wed** Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG); 7:00  
**Thu** A Knights Tale (PG13); 7:00

**Courtney (622-9616)**  
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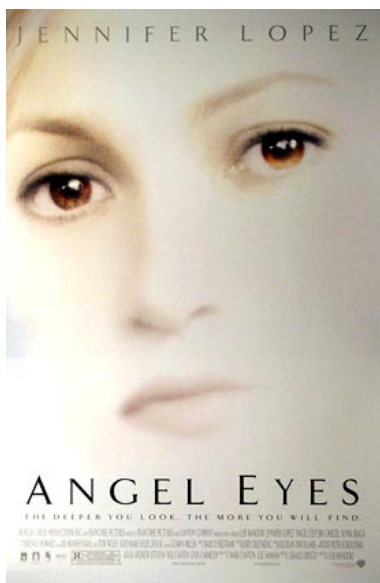
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**Fri** Atlantis: The Lost Empire (PG); 6:30  
**Fri** Rush Hour 2 (PG13); 8:30  
**Sat** Spy Kids (PG); 1:00  
**Sat** Rush Hour 2 (PG13); 5:30  
**Sat** Summer Catch (PG13); 8:30  
**Sun** Spy Kids (PG); 2:00  
**Sun** The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 5:30  
**Sun** Summer Catch (Pg13); 8:30  
**Mon** Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG) 7:00  
**Tue** Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG); 7:00  
**Wed** The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** Angel Eyes (R); 7:00

**Butler (645-3465)**  
**Fri** American Outlaws (PG13); 7:00, 10:00  
**Sat** Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG); 1:00, 4:00  
**Sat** American Pie 2 (R); 7:00, 10:00  
**Sun** Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG); 1:00, 4:00  
**Sun** American Pie 2 (R);

**Mon** 7:00, 10:00  
**Mon** The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 7:00  
**Tue** The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Angel Eyes (R); 7:00  
**Thu** Summer Catch (PG13); 7:00

**Futenma (636-3890)**  
**Fri** Evolution (PG13); 7:30  
**Sat** Swordfish (R); 6:00, 11:00  
**Sun** Spy Kids (PG); 6:00  
**Mon** American Pie 2 (R); 7:30  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** American Outlaws (PG13); 7:30  
**Thu** Closed

**Kinser (637-2177)**  
**Fri** Atlantis: The Lost Empire (PG); 7:00  
**Sat** Angel Eyes (R); 3:00  
**Sat** Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG); 7:00, 11:30  
**Sun** The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 7:00  
**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Angel Eyes (R); 7:00  
**Wed** Summer Catch (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 7:00



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